

Public Safety Committee- Minutes

Meeting Date: July 15, 2019

Meeting Location: City Hall

Call to Order: Councilman Collier

Time Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Attendance:

Councilman Collier, Councilman Newport, Councilman Snow, Administrator Short, Chief Dagnan, Chief Williams.

Citizen/Other: Morgan Housh, Ceri Otero.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Snow made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No Citizens participation was on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Marian Days will be held on August 1-4, 2019. As in years past the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer is asking permissions and assistance for the following:

- a) Close the 1900 block of Grand Avenue, the 400-600 block of E. Fairview, and the 400-500 block of Highland for the duration of the celebration.
- b) Spray the grounds for mosquitoes and insects prior to the celebration.
- c) Provide adequate security for all participants during the celebration.
- d) Approve an Open-Air Entertainment Program scheduled around 9:00pm to 12:00am on Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3, 2019.
- e) Extend the noise ordinance until midnight during Marian Days.
- f) Provide assistance in planning traffic control for the Solemn Procession scheduled between 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Saturday evening of August 3, 2019.
- g) Authorize a parade permit for the Solemn Procession.
- h) Authorizes street closures for the Solemn Procession (Grand Avenue, to Centennial, to Main, to Fairview in the CMC area.
- i) Allow fireworks at the end of the Solemn Procession, as has been done in the past years.
- j) Authorizes outside trash service provider to collect trash from Celebration.

There will also be 3 cell phone carrier's mobile towers stationed at locations. Motion was made by Councilman Newport to approve the annual Marian Day preparation list and send resolution to council. Motion passed.

2. The committee discussed the Taxi Rules of Conduct. Chief Dagnan is requesting the committee to approve a few changes. The following has been added to the Rules of Conduct:
- a) A passenger may not be allowed on a vehicle if his or her body odor or personal hygiene will disturb the reasonable comfort of other passengers or transit operators. A passenger will be given a notice and an opportunity to correct the odor or personal hygiene problem prior to discontinuing riding privileges, unless in the judgment of Taxi Driver, that person places existing passengers in extreme discomfort or is considered a health risk to others.
 - b) Appeal of Driver Decision-any person suspended or excluded from Carthage City Taxi services, or that person's representative, may appeal the suspension or exclusion. Appeals must be in writing and submitted to the Carthage City Taxi services office (Police Department) within ten (10) days of the date of such action. All requests must be signed and dated when filed by an individual or representative.

The committee also discussed changing the verbiage on bullet point #2 under Other safety infractions that will result in denial of service to state "individuals known to have infectious disease and/or parasites shall be denied service until the Carthage City Taxi receives notification from a doctor the disease has been rendered non-infectious." Councilman Snow made a motion to approve the changes to the Taxi Rules of Conduct contingent upon the verbiage change of bullet point #2 and forward to Council. Motion was passed.

3. Staff Reports

- a) Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee shortly about feral cats.
- b) Chief Williams spoke with the committee about station 2 and how it is being operated out of in the afternoons and continue to finish up few details. Also informed the committee that the CFD is still waiting to be awarded the EMPG grant award.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Snow made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: August 19, 2019

Next Meeting Location: Carthage City Hall-Upstairs Conference Room